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TO: CTE Administrators

FROM: Lolita Hall, Director
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SUBJECT: New Licensing Examination Vendor for the Virginia Board of Barbers and Cosmetology

The Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) recently announced a new partnership with Ergometrics & Applied Personnel Research, Inc., to provide licensing examination services for the Virginia Board of Barbers and Cosmetology. Effective July 1, 2014, there will be new written examinations for cosmetology occupations and practical examinations for cosmetologist, nail technician, and barber professions.

For more detailed information about the new examinations, career and technical education administrators and program instructors may refer to the *Candidate Information Bulletins* link on the Ergometrics & Applied Personnel Research, Inc., Web site at www.cosmetologyvirginia.com. Please note, the testing vendor will provide a [training webinar](#) on **June 16, at 1pm** on how to use the online portal for registering for examinations and tracking student progress. However, this training will be archived for your convenience. Additionally, Ergometrics will participate in the [VATIE conference](#), July 26 - August 4, 2014, in Norfolk, Virginia.

For questions related to the examination process, please contact Cathy Erhart, Ergometrics Virginia program manager, at cathye@ergometrics.org, or by telephone at (804) 239-2109.

For questions related to the licensing process, please contact Tamika Rodriguez, Board for Barber and Cosmetology's Licensing Operations Administrator, by telephone at (804) 367-8590.

For high school cosmetology program information, please contact the Office of Career and Technical Education, Virginia Department of Education, at cte@doe.virginia.gov, or by telephone at (804) 225-2051.

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